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EXTRA.

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AN EVENING BLAZE.

The Occidental Hotel, Fourth and Christy Avenue.

Pat Conway, a Fireman, Falls from the Roof and is Fatally Injured.

At 4:30 this afternoon the Occidental Hotel at Fourth and Christy avenue was discovered to be on fire, and an alarm was turned on at box No. 31, Third and Washington avenue. The hotel is a four-story brick, kept by one Cattel.

THE FIRE ORIGINATED on the second floor, and was caused by an explosion of a coal oil lamp. The flames spread almost instantly to the roof and every portion of the rickety building. As soon as the fire department arrived on the grounds cries of "Help" were heard and afterwards four faces appeared at various windows. One woman and three men were taken out terribly frightened, but not hurt. In the midst of the commotion Chief Sexton sent his life-saver, the pumper, to all quarters. The fourth floor could not be covered completely and Pat Conway of the Pomper Corps made a rope fast to a chimney on the Christy avenue front in order to let himself down to the window shutters of the fourth floor, which were closed. The rope proved insecure, however, and parted just as the brave fireman was reaching to open a shutter. Down he shot like a flash to the ground.

AMID GROANS OF HORROR, among the vast crowd which had gathered, he landed on his feet and was badly injured. It is thought that he was fatally injured. The fire itself was not very destructive, but at this time (5 o'clock) it cannot be said whether all the boarders were rescued, as any number of persons who labor at night stop at the Occidental. Chief Sexton says: "CONWAY HAS BEEN IN THE DEPARTMENT ten years, and has served as bravely as any man. He was injured at the Filley Foundry fire, two years ago, nearly to death. Pat Conway was Phelan O'Toole's old partner. At the Southern Hotel he distinguished himself as the companion of Mike Heister in the rescue of the servant girls at the southwest corner of the building. Pat was always modest, but his companions knew him to be the bravest of the brave."

THE BRAND OF CAIN.

A 14-Year-Old Boy Kills His Junior Brother.

Frank James Arraigned for the Murder of Col. Sheets at Gallatin—His Bail Fixed at \$5,000—To-Day's Criminal Record.

Captured Murderers and Robbers.

Probably the Right Man.

Colombus, Kan., December 18.—N. W. Fetter, Deputy Sheriff of Linn County, arrested a young man in this city this morning supposed to be the murderer of the blind man, Trimble, at Paola, Kan., last Thursday. He gave his name as Hartford, but every description answers him to be the man, besides an envelope was found on his person in his own name. The Sheriff left with his prisoner for Paola this morning.

The Rose Keller Inquest.

New York, December 18.—At the coroner's inquest as to the death of Rosa Keller, shot in the front room of Geo. W. Dunn, at the Windsor Hotel, Thursday last, Special Detective Schofield testified that all the circumstances went to show that it was a case of suicide. Before the shooting the Dunn's house was taken over by a friend, and in a loud and excited manner. She called him a "fool" and "rascal," and told him he would be sorry for what he had done to her.

Guilty of Murdering His Wife.

PLYMOUTH, MASS., December 18.—Asa B. Baker of Brockton was arraigned for trial to-day on a charge of the murder of his wife in August last. He pleaded not guilty. Later he entered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree, and was sentenced to State's prison for life.

Attempted Suicide at Kirkwood.

KIRKWOOD, December 18.—Mrs. Buckley, in a fit of despondency on account of ill-health, attempted suicide yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by shooting herself with a revolver. The wound is not considered dangerous.

Frank James Again in Court at Gallatin.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., December 18.—The Criminal Court at Gallatin yesterday set the bail at \$5,000 in the case of Frank James for the murder of Sheets in 1880. The defense asked that the prisoner be remanded to his cell until the next trial, but the court took it under advisement, and the prisoner was returned to jail.

The Iowa Railway Pool.

CHICAGO, December 18.—An adjourned meeting of the Iowa railway pool, called to adjust their differences and to determine whether the existence of the association should be further prolonged, was held at 11 o'clock this morning, with the representatives of the Burlington and Northern western only putting in an appearance. A letter

was read from Mr. Cable of the Rock Island, stating his indisposition and inability to attend. The prospect seems assured that an adjournment will be taken without action.

Mr. Cable of the Rock Island and Mr. Merrill of the Milwaukee and St. Paul, who were present at the session by subordinates without power to act beyond that of acquiescing in an adjournment, which was at once taken subject to the call of the pool commissioner, who was instructed to ascertain the exact date that all the managers can and will be present. The failure to hold the session at the time called for has delayed the directors of the Union Pacific Road to confirm the tripartite contract.

Unable to State Their Condition.

NEW YORK, December 18.—Lans and son, brokers, who failed yesterday, are unable as yet to state their condition.

WHEN IN JAIL.

Conversations of the Defendants in the Emma Bond Case.

Fellow-Prisoners on the Stand—Miss Bond's Clothes and the Toe-Nail Discussed—Montgomery Said: "We Must Understand Each Other"—To-Day's Proceedings.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

HILLMAN, ILL., December 18.—James T. Armstrong was the first witness produced by the prosecution this morning. He testified that he told him the story of the outrage the morning after it had been committed. The witness stated that Clements acted excitedly.

Ed Howley, the next witness, testified that the day after the outrage Lee Pettus, Charles Montgomery and he went down to a creek to swim. Pettus would not go in, although he proposed the idea.

X. BURRITT, A CONVICT FROM CHESTER, testified that he was in jail in Taylorville in the spring of 1882, and was now serving out a sentence for burglary. Got acquainted in the jail with Montgomery, Pettus and Clements. They were all together in one cell. They consulted out of his hearing just after they came in. Witness remembered conversations with them concerning something in the papers then about a toe nail, and Clements said he had.

LET HIS TOE NAIL GROW long. He had lost it shucking corn in June, Montgomery said. "You couldn't lose it shucking corn in June." Some one read from a paper that Miss Bond's underclothes were torn. Clements said, "It's a damned lie; they weren't torn." Montgomery said, "Shut up, what do you know about it?"

Judge Thornton arose and said to the attorneys of the prosecution: "You may just as well GO TO HELL FOR WITNESSES as take them from the penitentiary. The production of a witness, convicted of one of the highest crimes to testify against men of good standing is infamous. Such testimony is wholly incompetent. I move to exclude the whole testimony."

In an hour and a half was in argument on the motion. The motion was lost. Judge convicted was examined, and how long he had been in jail when he first saw the defendants. He was not positive whether Clements was a tall, thin or short. Clements read in a paper that Miss Bond's underclothes were torn. "It's a lie," he said. "Can't fix that conversation."

A life convict, Chas. Meyer, was next introduced. He said he had been convicted of murder. He was confined in the Taylorville penitentiary for four months. He was there when the defendants were brought there after the offense. He heard them had a private conversation. He heard a part of it. John Montgomery said: "We must all tell the same story. We have to understand one another now." Montgomery was laughing over the remark.

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BLOWN UP BOLLERS.

Terrific Explosion in an Oil Refinery at Pittsburgh—Other Casualties.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., December 18.—Two boilers in the line of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, exploded at noon today with terrific force, scattering debris in all directions and injuring a number of workmen. Two of them, named Fisher and Smith, are believed to be fatally hurt. Other injuries are of a less serious nature. The explosion occurred in the boiler-house and the extent of the damage is not yet known, owing to the distance. Reports received at 1 o'clock are very meager.

SIX MEN KILLED.

Later intelligence from the explosion states that six men were injured, two of them seriously. The boiler house was demolished and a portion of one boiler carried over 100 yards. Samuel Henderson and West Koupe were very seriously injured and may probably die. The cause of the explosion has not been ascertained.

STORY ABOUT ALASKA SCHOOL GIRLS.

The Secretary of the Home Board of Presbyterian Missions Denies It.

NEW YORK, December 18.—The Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church says, regarding the mission and the girls at the school at Fort Orange, Alaska, that there have been some differences as to the methods of the work and some unpleasantness and excitement in the school and the town, which they deplore. But that account sent out from San Francisco alleging that the school girls had been seduced and that one of the missionaries claimed to be a second Christ is wholly untrue.

For Governor of Louisiana.

BATON ROUGE, La., December 18.—The anti-administration Democrats in caucus agreed to support the candidacy of Francis T. Nichols for the nomination for Governor.

Closed Doors.

READING, Pa., December 18.—The Maiden Creek Iron Company's rolling mill shut down to-day in consequence of a strike in the coal trade. One hundred and fifty hands are idling.

WASHINGTON.

Important Meeting of the House Committee on Rules.

Will Recommend a Woman's Suffrage Committee—Election of Senate Officers—Mansions and Riddellberger Vote With the Republicans—Capital Notes.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., December 18.—Mr. Filly is still here. He disclaims any efforts in regard to the Post Office, but talks on most other subjects. Being asked to-day if the regular State Republican Committee of Missouri had been yet called to meet, he replied:

"No, it has not been called. No hasty or separate action has been intended. There is no purpose to bring Missouri, which has no electoral vote for the Republican nominees, wherever they may be, to the front to have it lead off, thereby compromising the Republican States, which are all ready extremely sensitive about the alleged action of the party in Missouri. The interest of the party, this has been the only course advised or that our committee, to my knowledge, intended. Thereby neither the party nor the administration would, as now, be compromised and be placed in the false light of attempting an administration fight for the re-election of Missouri by the inconsiderate and hasty action of individuals. Thus the field would be left open to the interests of the party, and the leading Republican States like New York and Indiana, from which the necessary vote to elect must come."

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FOREIGN NEWS.

Arrival To-Day of the German Crown Prince at Rome.

Visiting the Tomb of Victor Emanuel—Cordially Received by the Pope—Hanging of Poole at Dublin—Cable Flashes.

LONDON, December 18.—The police are closely watching the houses of the leading Irish Nationalists. It is reported that the Lord Mayor has received a number of anonymous letters, threatening to blow up the London Bridge and Newgate. The detectives withdrawn from the prison after O'Donnell was hanged, have returned there. Extra police have been stationed about the bridge to watch the arches and examine all the crafts passing and scrutinize all persons crossing, in consequence of the threats to O'Donnell. Poolemen also go guard Hawarden Castle, the residence of Gladstone.

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MILITARY JUSTICE.

Opening To-Day of the Court-Martial on Col. J. G. Butler.

A Full Court—Slow Progress Made on Account of Red Tape Rules—Col. Knapp Challenged for Prejudice.

The long-expected and third attempt to try Col. James G. Butler by court-martial began this morning at 10 o'clock in the rooms of Battery A, Light Artillery, N. G. M., National Guard Armory. Proceedings opened in the presence of a quite full attendance by a call to order by Col. Leigh O. Knapp, Inspector-General, Staff Commander-in-Chief, who read an order from the Adjutant General relieving Lieut-Col. George W. Easley as Judge Advocate and appointing Maj. James Sedgwick, A. G. Staff, Brig-Gen. Lawrence, in his place. Judge Advocate Sedgwick then proceeded to read the military orders and official papers covering the court-martial. When the court-martial was called to order, it was notified Col. Butler was called for and appeared. The formalities of reading the orders to the court-martial were then completed. The roll of the court-martial detail showed ten out of twelve present, including three out of four of the superintendents, as follows: 1. Col. Leigh O. Knapp, Inspector General, staff commander-in-chief.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1883.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

OLYMPIA—Evans, Hoy & Bryant's Melodrama.
GRAND—Mlle. Fougere—Boccaccio.
FORD—Mlle. Fougere—Boccaccio.
PEOPLE'S—Robert McWade—By Van Winkle.
STANDARD—Maud Wellesley—The Doctor.
REVEREND—Furman Company—Tartan Ode.
FIFTH ST. DIMM MUSEUM—10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The question as to whether St. Louis can do
any trade with Mexico remains un-
answered.

The hostility between the police and the
burglars is unabated, and they continue to
avoid each other as much as possible.

THE GOULD system does not seem to bring
about all those advantages which we prom-
ised ourselves at consultations for the mo-
nopoly.

THE thanks of the citizens of St. Louis
are due to the morning papers for the zealous
and intelligent interest they are taking in
the freight question.

THE difference between St. Louis and Chi-
cago on the railroad question is about this:
that Chicago has competition to every point,
while St. Louis has no competition to any point.

WE are still waiting for any information
that will confirm the general belief in the
existence of an institution called the Freight
Bureau. If it exists at all, its existence is
known only by faith.

THE idea of holding the Democratic Con-
vention in Chicago is about as sensible as
the idea of getting up an ice company in the
place that was abolished in the revised
edition of the New Testament.

THE attempt to keep the Elevated Railroad
out of the city will be repeated to-night.
History fails to record a single public im-
provement which made its way into St.
Louis without vigorous opposition.

THUS far the only burglar captured by the
police is JASPER NEWTON, alias ADDISON
JONES, alias HUNTER. He was captured in
the City Hospital after he had died peacefully
and been inquested. If any more burglars
die in the City Hospital, the police will
capture them too.

IT has long been a mystery to all men
why the Puritans landed on Plymouth Rock
on two successive days, but the mystery has
at last been solved. It was to enable the
President of the United States to eat two
New England dinners without crowding the
presidential stomach.

THE water-gas people are trying to as-
sume that the opposition to their franchise
comes from the Laclede Company. The op-
position of the Laclede Company is one fea-
ture of the case, but a more singular feature
is the lack of opposition on the part of the
St. Louis Gas Company.

IT is not best, after all, for a young lady to
have "two strings to her bow," or two beans
on her string. A schoolma'am's suit for
breach of promise failed recently because
the defendant proved that at the time of his
alleged promise to marry her she was al-
ready engaged to another fellow.

AFTER a Republican Convention shall
have occupied Chicago for a week, there will
not be enough liquor left in the town to
stock a Hard-Shell Baptist meeting or a Pro-
hibition convention. It will be no place for a
Democratic convention. Democrats are ab-
stemious, but delegates from the malarious
districts will need something to take their
quinine in.

DURING the press of holiday advertising
we are compelled to increase the size of the
Post-Dispatch. The extra pages are not
padded supplements, but are part of the pa-
per, held open to the last moment for the
purpose of receiving the latest news, and
quite as valuable and interesting as any part
of the paper. Every reader should see that
he gets his supplement.

SOME of the teamsters of St. Louis have
formed an organization for the particular
purpose of testing their legal right to use
the asphalt pavement. It is to be hoped that
a final solution of the question will speedily
be reached. It is invidious to mention the
name of Chicago, but we cannot help men-
tioning that Chicago succeeded in establishing
boulevards, and in prohibiting heavy haul-
ing on them without creating any bad feel-
ing.

WE do not wish to be suspected of any
hostility or unfairness towards the Heat and
Power Company. We recognize that it has
already rendered valuable public service in
compelling the Laclede Company to knock
off about 40 per cent from the price of gas,
and our appreciation of this service is not
lessened by the reflection that it was not
dictated wholly by philanthropy. If there
is no other company on hand before the ex-
piration of the St. Louis Gas Company's
charter in 1890, we shall be very glad to op-
port a proposition to give the Heat and

Power Company a show. But we are quite
confident that by that time the city of St.
Louis will find it to its interest to go into the
gas business for itself.

STREETS AND GAS.

After a struggle of several years, and in
the face of loud protests from property-own-
ers, and at the end of several law-suits, the
city has finally entered into a general and
extensive street improvement system, at the
expense of adjoining property. The cost
will reach about \$2,000,000, taken out of the
pockets of real estate owners. That it was a
great burden on them no one will deny. One
of their principal complaints was that streets
were no sooner reconstructed than they were
torn up, and never were and could not be
repaired into their original condition. The
city government has so often and openly
avowed its intention to make the new recon-
struction in such a way as not to require or
permit the tearing of them up, and it has
added so much more expense to the manner
of the reconstruction, in order that it should
be permanent, that it is pledged to act in
good faith and not to allow a wholesale dig-
ging up of the streets.

Real estate pays the bulk of all our
taxes. Its proprietors constitute a major-
ity of our people, and acts of wanton
tyranny over their property ought not to be
tolerated. The defacement of streets is a
direct injury to the whole community. The
great cost of granite and asphaltum recon-
struction was advanced only on the ground
of the necessity of permanent, smooth, un-
broken streets to a great city like St. Louis.

Under these circumstances the proposition
contained in Mr. Rowse's gas charter to au-
thorize a new gas company to dig up any or
all of the streets of the city in order to lay
its mains, at its pleasure, is monstrous. The
company is required to dig up one hundred
and twenty miles of streets in six years, or
to "acquire" that amount of mains, or street
pipes. Even Mr. Rowse will not pretend
that any new company can sell a foot of gas
in the old company's district so long as
Judge LUBKE's injunction stands, which will
be for years to come, or that the
new company is obliged to sell for less
than gas is now sold for in the Laclede district, and his
bill leaves the majority of gas consumers
at the mercy of the manipulations of city rulers and high
prices of gas to the people. Philadelphia,
which owns its own gas works, is far better
off than any of the other cities in this re-
spect.

The two old companies have over three
hundred miles of street pipes. If the new
company is to supersede the old ones, of
course it will have to tear up the three hun-
dred miles of streets of the city. Otherwise
where is the benefit of the competition?
But the new company may "acquire" its
pipes. From whom? Who of all the world
has the pipes? The two old companies
alone. The law requires the title of an
ordinance to express its object. Mr.
Rowse should offer another amendment
to change the title of this bill to
"An Ordinance for the Benefit of
the St. Louis Gas Light Company." Since it
has been pending in the Council the old
monopoly's stock has risen to the enormous
figure of 340 bid. If it passes it will be
worth still more.

If the new company is to dig up all the
streets to lay down its mains, then street
reconstruction should stop. If it is to
acquire its mains from the old companies,
then there can be no competition, but only a
flagrant bartering away of the city's fran-
chise and the mastery it now holds over the
gas situation to gas speculators. The propo-
sition is too important, the arrangement specu-
lation too plain and naked to excuse or
palliate the passage of such an ordinance.

THE State Supreme Court now has before
it a petition for a writ of mandamus to com-
pel the School Directors of District 5, in Cal-
loway County, to set apart a *pro rata* share
of all school taxes for the benefit of the col-
ored children, the colored people having
offered to add enough to their private
means to maintain a four-months' colored
school. A local tax of 60 cents of the hun-
dred dollars having been voted to maintain a
school four months, and the proceeds not be-
ing sufficient for two schools, it is alleged that
twenty-two white children are provided for,
while eighteen colored ones are left out. The
duty of the directors, under the law in such
cases, has been a matter of dispute, and the
object of this proceeding is to obtain a final
interpretation of the law on that point.

SEVERAL aspiring cities, ambitious of the
distinction of holding the National Con-
vention within their limits, are trying to ad-
vance the theory that the holding of the Con-
vention in the State is necessary to "save
the State." The trouble about this theory is
that, while it is very convenient for the State
which gets the Convention, it weakens the States
which are "left." Inasmuch as the Convention
can be held in only one place, it is better
not to insist too much on the absolute
necessity of holding it in several other places.

It is said that the best people do not go to
Col. BOB INERROLL's receptions in Wash-
ington. They are elegant and hospitable,
and his wife and daughters are charming
hostesses, but the specter of Athens broods
over his home and scares people away. We
had no idea that Washington society was
so orthodox, or that its orthodoxy would strain
at such a guest as INERROLL's shyness
while swallowing all the camels of the lobby.

GEO. ANDERSON, who commanded in Dakota
in 1865, has explained the mystery of the

twenty-three skeletons found near Ellon-
dale, Dak. He says twenty-three rebel sol-
diers who enlisted in the First Infantry and
were serving in Dakota in the winter of
1865, deserted and started for the British
Possessions. As they were never heard of
again, it is now supposed that they perished
in a blizzard which raged soon after they
left.

Chairman Sablin.

From the Springfield Republican.
That the committee should select as its chair-
man Senator Sablin of Minnesota was per-
haps natural from the disabilities under which it
labors. Mr. Sablin is a successful maker of
suits, and has become a millionaire in a few
years by skillful seizure upon the opportunities
of money-making in a new State. Some of our
readers remember him when as a young man with
his breeches tucked in his boots he used to draw
wood into the southern towns of Worcester
County for \$2 a cord. We do not refer to his
humble beginning as a ground of political dispar-
agement, but as an evidence of his business suc-
cess, of which he may well be proud. But we
regret to say that the disabilities under which
he labors are not such as to make him a prob-
able candidate for the chairmanship of the com-
mittee. He is a man of great energy and ac-
tivity, and yet he is now thrust into a most respon-
sible position, demanding a trained sense of
the true place of moral considerations and of
character in public affairs.

The Sun's Eclipse.

Under the guidance of Mr. Randall and the Sun
the Democratic party promised to remain forer-
most in the movement for reform, but al-
though the party has been in the lead for some
time, it is not so now. Under the leadership of Carlisle,
Morrison, Hewitt, and those associated with them
in policy, the Democratic party has, for the first
time in many years, a very strong chance of gain-
ing power. In our belief Mr. Randall and the
Sun cannot seriously endanger this prospect by
their opposition, whether they make it, as just
now, within the party, or, as they should, and
very likely will soon make it, from within the
Republican ranks.

Wagner Should Have Lived for This.

From the Knoxville Chronicle.
The culture, wealth and refinement of Knowl-
tonville filled our opera house last night to hear
Thomas Wagner's "Tannhauser" came
second, and the rise and swell of its glorious
rhythm seemed now like glorious strains of
cherubs on the towers of Eden, and now like
the wails of the bottomless caverns of pan-
demonium. Listening to the sixty instruments,
each in the hand of a master, and all directed by
a master of masters, Wagner's grand music
struggled and that Mr. Montgomery (now dead)
struggled, now like waves of thunder peals, now
like rills of cascading silver pouring down upon a
mountain of glaciers and volcanoes.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

MISS ANTHONY's proposed amendment will be
called the sweet sixteen.

ACCORDING to the Philadelphia Times, Char-
les Sumner has been elected to the National
Legislature. His name is Knute Nelson, and he
represents a class of men who are fast gaining
prominence in the politics of the Northwest.

SENATOR FAIR to a reporter in New York
city, was asked whether he was a "Republican."
"Really," he said yesterday, "I was com-
pelled to send to half a dozen stores right
here in Broadway to get change for a ten-dollar
note."

THE Albany Express (Rep.) does not think that
the Legislature should develop a substitute for the
prison-contract system. It advises "the appoint-
ment of a commission by the Governor, or the
Governor and the Senate, consisting of recog-
nized experts in prison management and systems
of government, to report upon the merits and dem-
erits of the State at large, and of the labor of the
citizens. It should be made their duty to devise
some practical plan as a substitute for the present
system; and after a thorough consideration of
the whole subject, and, if necessary, a personal
examination of prison systems in other countries,
to report the result for the consideration of the
succeeding Legislature."

MEN OF NOTE.

JUDAN P. BENJAMIN is said to look very much
as he did thirty years ago.

THE professors of Brown University are
seriously criticizing Matthew Arnold's lecture on
"Literature and Science."

A HYMN is current to the effect that it is easier
for a child to go through the eyes of a needle than
it is for Mr. Vanderbilt to induce the Astors to
attend his balls.

THE story that Uncle Rufus Hatch was build-
ing another hotel in the Yellowstone Park is de-
nied. You can say the one he did build at your
own price.

NATHANIEL R. LOCKE, the father of "Pe-
trovsky," served in the war of 1812, in the
Mexican war and in the war of the rebellion.
He is more than 80, but still strong and active.

ARCHBISHOP JOHANN, whose new "ballet," en-
titled "The Assassins," is causing a flutter in Vi-
enna, seeks to reform the army of Austria as well
as the ballet of the whole world. He wants less
drill and more intelligence for the soldier and
greater dignity in the ballet.

THE story that the Hon. S. S. Cox is a rich man
is thoroughly groundless. A correspondent, who
claims to know, says that Mr. Cox has no income
beyond his salary as Congressman, and the royal
allies on several books which he has written. He
owns his house in Third Street, but lives as plain
as an old-fashioned farmer.

CHRYSLER, JR. at the office of E. Geo. D. Tullis,
of New York, was lamenting, when a reporter
called to see him yesterday, the death of Mark
Twain, "the greatest of them," as he put it. "While he
was in New York," said the editor, "Mark was al-
ways giving his earnings to his poor fellow-
countrymen whom he would go to see at Castle
Garden."

JAMES B. CARL, brother of the celebrated novel-
ist, George W. Cable, proposes to go to Nevada
to edit a paper. He is a man of letters, and has
been a member of the New York Academy of Letters,
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